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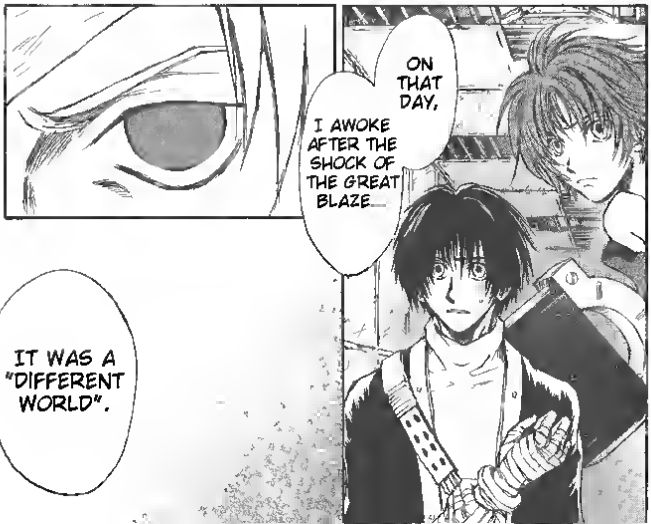
WHEN I CAME TO, THIS HAD HAPPENED TO ME.
THE TWISTING HADN'T PROGRESSED QUITE SO FAR, THOUGH.
THIS THING WASN'T HERE BACK THEN...
SCHLICK


ON THAT DAY,
I AWOKE AFTER THE SHOCK OF THE GREAT BLAZE...
IT WAS A "DIFFERENT WORLD".

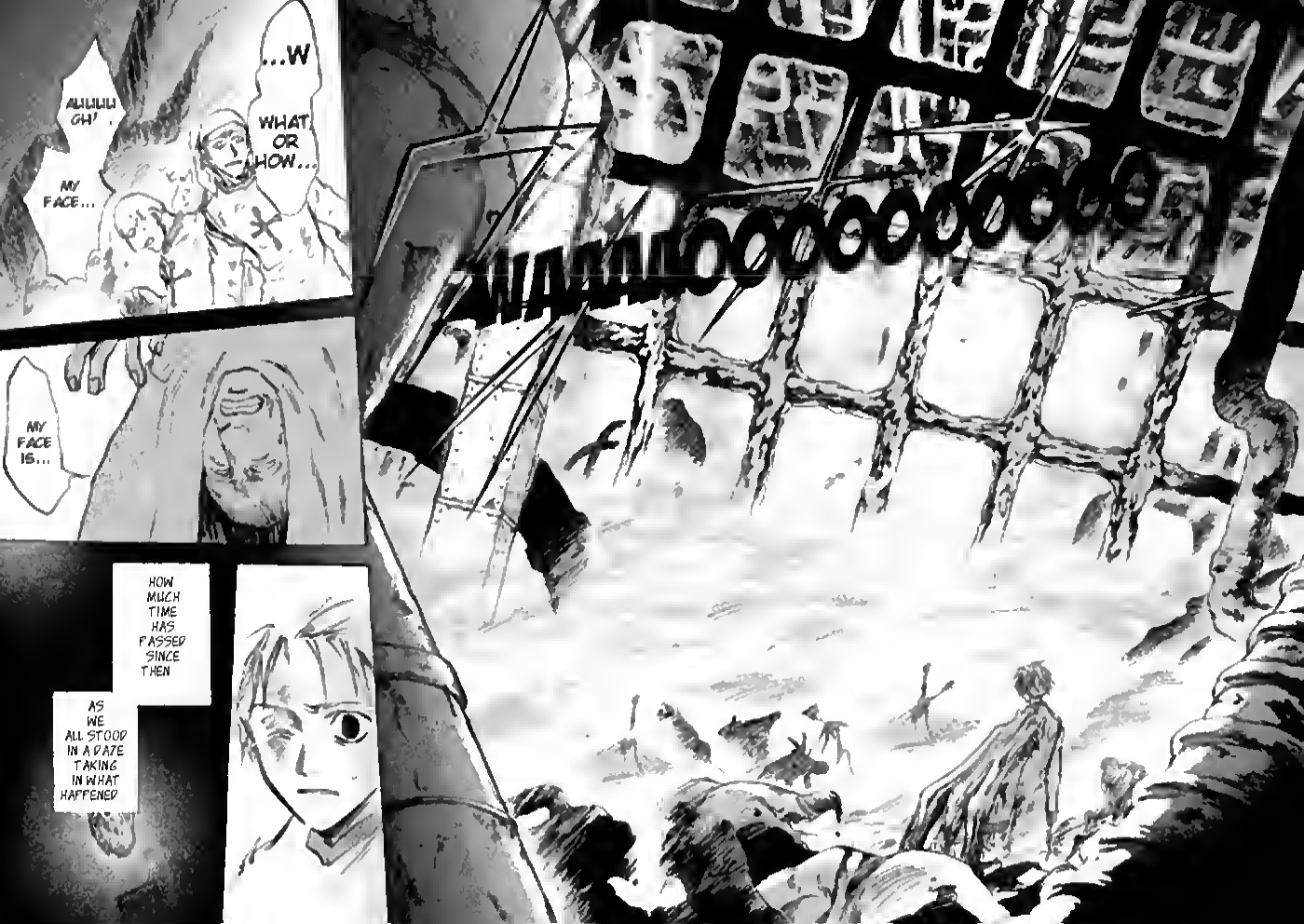
第6話：〝大熱波〟side A ②

CHAPTER 6: GREAT BLAZE SIDE A [2]

HISSSSSS
.....
U...
RG
H...
!
WHAT'S THIS!
A...
A CON SCIOUS -NESS ORB?

SNISH
UWAA
H...
ARRRGHH...
KRSSSH

WHO ...
WHO ARE YOU?!
WH...
...AUUGH!
?
AHH!
OHH!
WHY ARE YOU AND I...
WHY HAS THIS HAPPENED TO US?!
UHHHH!


...W
WHAT OR HOW...
AUUUUU GH'
MY FACE...
MY FACE IS...
HOW MUCH TIME HAS PASSED SINCE THEN
AS WE ALL STOOD IN A DAZE TAKING IN WHAT HAPPENED
GWAAA

LORD ARCH-ANGEL?!
LORD ARCH-ANGEL!
HIS FORM APPEARED BEFORE US
WHERE SHOULD WE...?
HAVE YOU BEEN SAFE?
WHAT IN THE WORLD HAS HAPPENED?!
SILENCE
AH...
STAY CALM!

SEARCH FOR KORIEL NO. 12.
DON'T HURT HIM!
TREAT HIM WITH CARE. TAKE HIM TO THE RESEARCH STATION ON THE SURFACE.
HUH?
N...NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, WE DIDN'T FIND NO. 12 THEN.
BUT TO ASK US TO SEARCH HIM OUT...
SEARCH NEAR A CONSCIOUS-NESS ORB.
HE SHOULDN'T BE FAR FROM ONE.
I CANNOT PINPOINT HIS LOCATION, THOUGH...
EZZZZ
THAT IS THE EXTENT OF THE ORDERS I CAN GIVE YOU.
!?
HE'S HERE...
IT'S NO. 12!

GET A HOLD OF THE RESEARCH ANGELS
USE THE COMMUNICA-TIONS CONSCIOUS-NESS ORBS!
SOON THE MEDICAL CORPS SHOULD ARRIVE...
WOOSH
...! THE SKY'S...
...LOOK AT THAT COLOUR...
COULD THAT RUMOUR HAVE BEEN TRUE AFTER ALL?
THAT GOD...
IS OUT TO ANNIHILATE HUMANITY...

ONCE WE HAD TRAVELLED THE SHORT WHILE TO BRING YOU TO THE SURFACE
WOOSH
SHE'S TRYING TO DESTROY US.
THERE WAS AN UPROAR IN THE LABORATORY
THE ONLY ONE WHO MIGHT UNDERSTAND IS THE RESEARCH ENGINEER AND HE'S BEEN STRUCK STUPID
SEEMS LIKE ANGELICUS JUST UP AND DISAPPEARED ON US.
DOCTOR ANGELICUS HAS... ISN'T SHE PRACTICALLY THE ARCH-ANGEL'S RIGHT HAND?!
WHAT?
I'VE GOT NO IDEA WHAT SHE'S THINKING.

NO NEED TO WORRY
HE'S SIMPLY SOMEWHERE ELSE, THAT'S ALL
!?
HAS SOMETHING HAPPENED TO LORD ARCH-ANGEL?!
DAMN WHAT DOES THIS ALL MEAN?
WHAT ARE WE MESSING AROUND HERE FOR? HURRY AND GO SAVE LORD ARCHANG-
SHH'
SHIK-FLK
WAIT..
HEY!
YOU ARE TO REMAIN ON STANDBY UNTIL FURTHER ORDERS
GUARD ANGEL!
THUNK

THAT'S WHY
I'M SEARCHING FOR THE ARCH -ANGEL.
I WILL FIND ALL OF THE TRAITORS
AND KILL THEM.
.....
.....
AH...
YOU'RE JUST GOING TO LEAVE US?
I'VE BEEN WASTING MY TIME...
HMPH.
FWIP

AH...
WHAT A JERK! SOUNDS LIKE HE'S SOME LOW-RANK SOLDIER TOO.
HE DOESN'T SEEM TO KNOW WHAT'S IMPORTANT EITHER...
...!?
VANISH
RUSTLE
WAIT

LORD ARCH-ANGEL!
YOU'RE FROM THE EXECUTION SQUAD NUMBER
YES!
I AM NUMBER 47, SIR!
NUMBER 47.
GUARD THIS INDIVIDUAL ESCORT HIM TO THE BOTTOM FLOOR OF THE TOWER

GO.
OUR PRIMARY OBJECTIVE IS TO CORRECT THE TWISTING OF THIS WORLD.
A FOUL CRIMINAL LIKE HIM...?!
MY OBJECTIVE IS THE TRAITOR ANGELICUS
YES, SIR!
LET'S GO, "RIGHTY"
LET'S NOT LOITER AROUND HERE.
.....
!

DR ANGE -LICUS
HOW IS THE CULTIVA-TION COMING ALONG?
LORD ARCH-ANGEL.
I WILL INSPECT THE CULTIVATION FLUID TANKS AND REPORT.
PLEASE DO, NO. 23
THE CULTIVA-TION IS GOING WELL
WE'VE ALSO DISCOVERED A MEANS OF CONDENSING IT. IT APPEARS STABLE.
THEIR RATE OF MULTIPLICA-TION IS INCREASING AS WELL.
THE ONLY PROBLEM WE FACE NOW IS...
ANGELICUS.

WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR FALSE WINGS?
BECAUSE OF THE TWISTING? IT HASN'T BEEN THAT SERIOUS FOR ME...
THEY GET IN THE WAY OF MY RESEARCH.
PLEASE FORGIVE ME.
KORIEL-SAMA AND THE OTHERS ARE WAITING
I UNDER-STAND.
NOW..
LORD ARCH-ANGEL
IT'S TIME FOR THE ELDERS' MEETING.
I APOLO GIZE, SIR.
THE TWISTING
WHAT'S THAT?

IT'S GOING SMOOTHLY.
QUALITATIVELY...
THE CULTIVATION?
!
I SEE
WE CAN OBTAIN THE RESULT YOU'VE BEEN HOPING FOR.
IF WE CAN MAKE USE OF IT, MAYBE...
PER YOUR ORDERS, OUR INTENSIFICATION AND AMPLIFICATION HAVE BOTH BEEN SUCCESSFUL.
LISTEN
SHIVERING
ARE THE THINGS YOU ARE CAPABLE OF SEEING SO TERRIBLE?

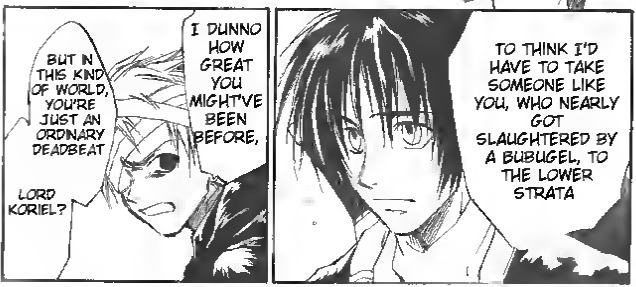
BELIEVE IN ME.
DON'T LOSE YOUR WAY.

...Y
YES...
OUR ANGELIC BULLET SAMPLE HAS BEEN FINISHED
TINK!

WHAT ARE YOUR ORDERS?
AS FOR TEST SUBJECTS... THE GROTESQUES HAVE BEEN GATHERING IN LARGE NUMBERS, SO...
I'VE PREPARED THE LAB IN CASE YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE A TEST FIRING.
THE DATA'S ALL HERE.
YES SIR.
I WANT TO SEE THE RESULTS.
GO TO THE LAB.
EVEN THEN, YOU'VE NEVER BETRAYED ME

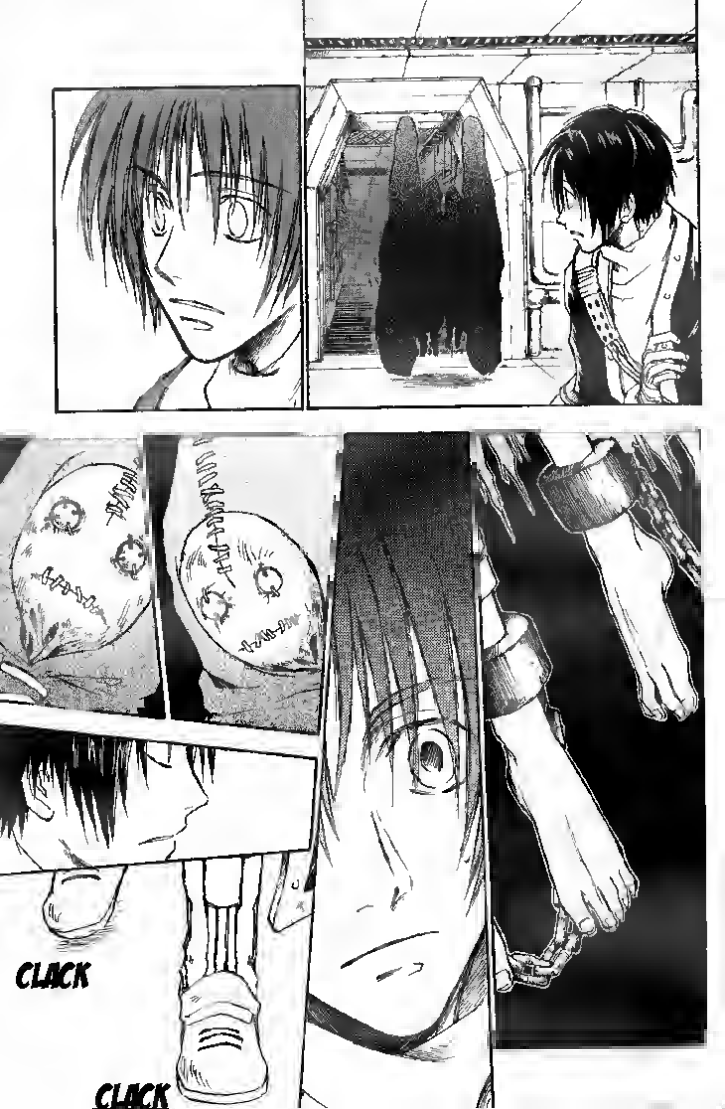
UNTIL NOW...
ARE YOU SCARED OF THE CONSEQUENCES?
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU?!
DIDN'T YOU DISAPPEAR JUST A BIT AGO?!

I'VE GOT EVERY RIGHT TO!
I JUST REALLY DON'T LIKE THAT GUY.
WHAT'D YOU SAY!
HUH?!
DAMN.
IF IT WEREN'T FOR LORD ARCHANGEL'S ORDERS,
I'D CHOP YOU INTO MINCEMEAT AND FEED YOU TO THE GROTESQUES.


TO THINK I'D HAVE TO TAKE SOMEONE LIKE YOU, WHO NEARLY GOT SLAUGHTERED BY A BUBUGEL, TO THE LOWER STRATA
I DUNNO HOW GREAT YOU MIGHT'VE BEEN BEFORE,
BUT IN THIS KIND OF WORLD, YOU'RE JUST AN ORDINARY DEADBEAT
LORD KORIEL?

HOLD OUT YOUR ARM.
?
AH, RIGHT.
DON'T MOVE.
OKAY...
SHIOP
AGH...

...!
I'LL LET YOU HAVE IT.
BEST TO TAKE IT WITH YOU.
LET'S GET GOING.
IT'S SOMETHING THAT WON'T REALLY HURT YOU.
HUFF HUFF
HEY, WAIT A SECOND!
WHAT'S WITH THAT ATTITUDE?!
OH, SHUT IT.


CLACK
CLACK

THAT THING EMITS A CONFUSING SOUND WAVE!
GET AWAY FROM IT!
JOHANNA KYON...
!

UGH...
...!
<WHO WILL DIE?>

WHO ARE YOU?
WHO IS IT...?

<HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN 'US'?>
<THE PAIN?>

GRAB
GRAB
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY...
WHAT IS IT ABOUT ME?
WHAT ARE YOU TO ME?

RETURN MY HEART, RETURN MY HEART, RETU
MY HEART, RETURN MY HEART, RETURN MY
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RETURN MY HEART, RETURN MY HEART, RETU
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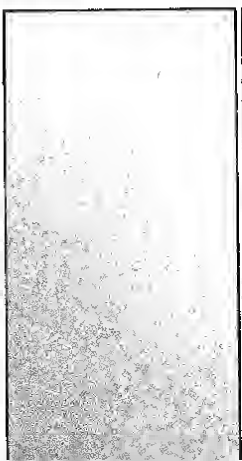
MY HEART, RETURN MY HEART, RETURN MY
HEART, RETURN MY HEART, RETURN MY HEAR
HEY...
RETURN MY HEART TO ME

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
GET DOWN, NO. 12!



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Read from
right to left!

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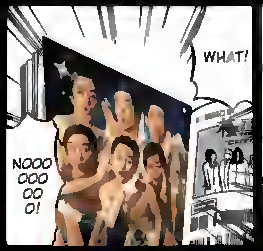
SOME PEOPLE CALL ME DIRTY NANI OBAA-SAN BUT THEY'RE JUST JEALOUS
PLEASE CALL ME NANI OBAA-SAN
WHY HELLO ANON SAY, LOOKING FOR AN OLDER LADY HMM?
EVEN THOUGH YOU READ OUR RELEASES!
WHAAAT?! YOU'RE NOT GOING TO JOIN FRIENDSHIP SCANS!!
COWS ARE HOT
ANON
NANI
WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO MY ANON NANI?...
THE HELL IS WRONG WITH YOU?!
OW!
WAIT!



HMMM... MAYBE I'LL JOIN AFTER ALL...
I MIGHT GO LIKE IT WHEN TOUCHING BOOBS MORE
SURE! I MEAN NOT ALL OF THEM ARE CRAZY...
AND YOU SAY IT'S FUN TO WORK HERE...
THIS IS ALL MAE'S FAULT!
OH NO SHE'S DELUSIONAL! QUICK GET SERA!
YATTA!!
HUH...
MALE STAFF

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CHAPTER 7:
ATTACHMENT

RETURN MY HEART TO ME.
RETURN MY HEART... RETURN MY HEART...
RETURN MY HEART...
RETURN MY HEART TO ME...

BU...
...B.
BUT THERE'S ONLY ONE OF THEM.

UGH...
WHY'D YOU GET SO CLOSE TO A GROTESQUE?
HUH?!
AFTER ALL THAT TROUBLE WE WENT THROUGH ...
YOU AWAKE NOW?
TSK.
YOU DON'T EVEN UNDERSTAND?

DON'T MOVE
I'LL USE A HEALING BRAND NEXT
!?
!
?
...?
CALM THE HELL DOWN!

DOES IT HURT?

EAT UP.

DON'T MAKE EVEN THIS WORSE WITH ALL YOUR USELESS WANDERING

GOT IT?
.....

AFTER ALL THIS IS PART OF THE ARCHANGEL'S ORDERS
NO MATTER WHAT, I'M TO TAKE YOU TO THE BOTTOM FLOOR
I'M NOT HAPPY ABOUT IT, BUT "THE ARROW GOES WHERE IT IS SHOT"

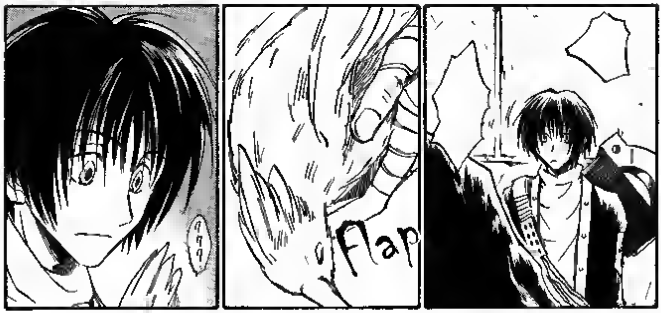
I'VE FUSED AN ACHE DEFENSE PARASITE TO YOU.
EVEN IF MEAT'S GONE BAD, YOU'LL BE FINE.
HURRY UP AND EAT.
sniff
ガっ
ガっ
ガっ
!
AREN'T YOU GETTING HUNGRY?
GURGLE

.....
EAT IT.
HERE IN THE NEURO TOWER, THERE ISN'T ANYTHING ELSE TO EAT.
HOW LONG DO YOU THINK YOU CAN HOLD OUT WITHOUT EATING?
GROTES-QUES ARE JUST THE SAME AS ANIMALS, ANYWAY.

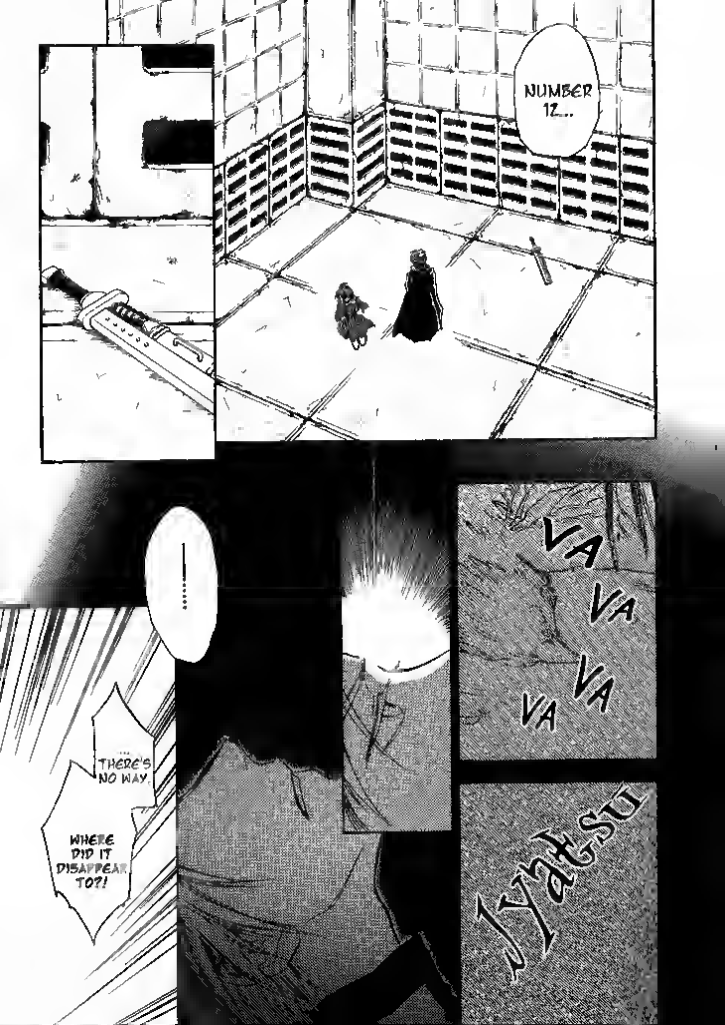
NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES YOU DIE, YOU'LL LIVE AGAIN. AND HERE YOU WILL STAND.
UNTIL YOU HAVE ATONED
HOW DOES IT FEEL TO DIE?
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO DIE, YOU'D BETTER EAT.
!
UNTIL YOU HAVE ATONED
THAT PERSON...
WHO COULD IT BE?
WHAT DOES IT MEAN?
RETURN MY HEART.

IT SORT OF RESEMBLES MINE...
THAT FACE...
GASH
GASH GASH
!
ALL RIGHT, NOW YOU STAY PUT IN THAT CORNER. DON'T MOVE AN INCH!
BLOOD
HUNT

WHAT?!
flap
NO WAY! I DON'T TAKE ORDERS FROM YOU!
WHAT?!
OK NOW GET MOVING
IF YOU'RE GOING TO HOVER AROUND POINTLESSLY AT LEAST SCOUT AHEAD FOR ME
flap
flap
flap
WHAT?!
WHAT?!
AH.


Flap

WHAT HAP-PENED?


NUMBER 12...
VA VA VA VA
JYAKU
!.....
...THERE'S NO WAY
WHERE DID IT DISAPPEAR TO?!

WHERE THE HELL'D HE GO?!
COME OUT, YZ!
STOP MESSING AROUND!
HEY!
"RIGHT"
Through a bit of reflection and mental manipulation they can't see this passage.
It doesn't work on the GROTesq who came through --
But you STILL need to open the door.
...
GRR

CLACK
CLACK
flap
flap
Fwap
tap
THIS
FERSON

EXCUSE ME FOR MY ROUGH BEHAVIOUR
I'M SURE I KNOW HIM FROM SOMEWHERE
IT SEEMS YOU HAVE ARTIFICIAL CONSCIOUSNESS ORBS IN YOUR ARM
THOUGH THEY ARE BLOCKED HERE...
ARTIFICIAL...?
I'M CALLED THE ANGEL OF HEAVEN AND EARTH
WE HAVE MET ONCE IN THE CONSCIOUSNESS SIMULATION
I'VE INTERFERED SINCE THE FIRST AWAKENING PROGRAM WAS EXECUTED

I HAVE A FAVOUR TO ASK FROM YOU
...!
THIS GUN
THE ANGEL'S GUN, PLEASE—
DON'T SHOOT WITH THAT GUN
...GIVE IT TO ME...
EH...
PLEASE GIVE ME THIS GUN.

THAT'S IT!
IF YOU DON'T FIRE IT, IT WILL END!
Gaaaah
Gaaaah
Gaaaah

THUNK
THUNK
WHY ARE YOU RUN-NING AWAY?!
AIA
THE ANGELIC RIFLE!
HAND OVER THE ANGELIC RIFLE!

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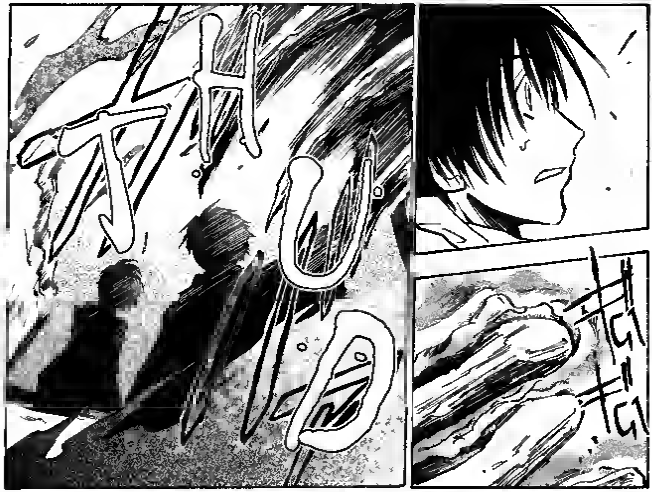
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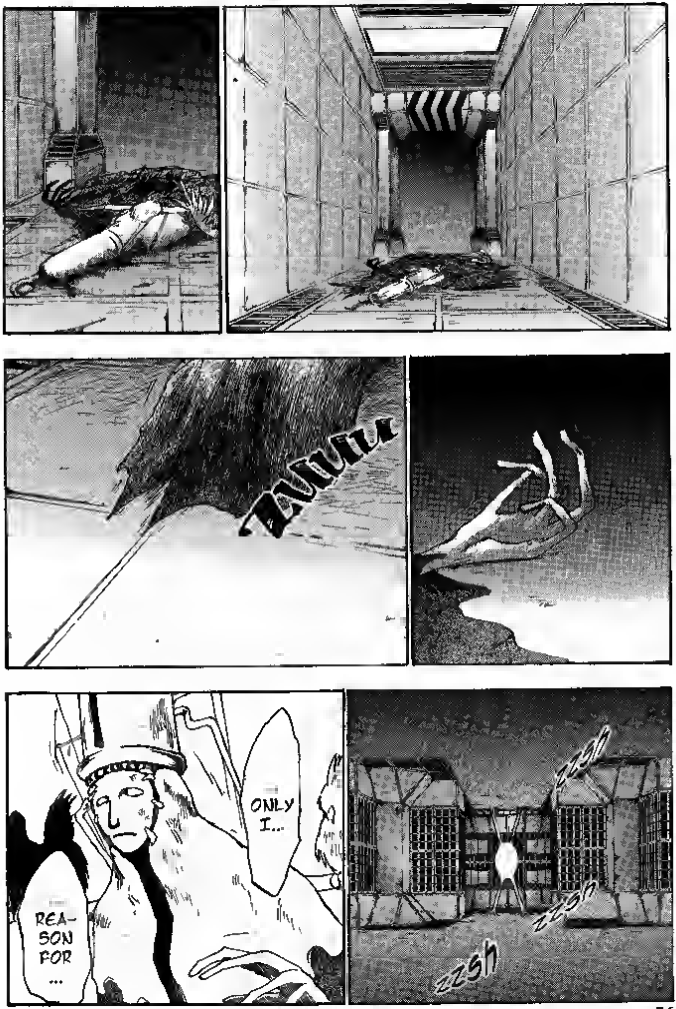
HAVE YOU REA-LIZED IT YET?
THIS IS A TRAI-TOR!
GUN
GRISHART
HEY, COME OVER HERE.
LET'S GET GOING. NO TIME TO WASTE!


ZAUUUU
REA-
SON
FOR
...
ONLY
I...
zzsh
zzsh
zzsh

OR MY SIN.

...?
VRRRR
WHAT'S GOING ON?
YOU LOOK LIKE YOU ARE IN PAIN...
.....
UOOOOO
I SHOULD BE ASKING WHY YOU GUYS ARE FINE
HUH?
U
U
.....
THE VOICE OF THE GODDESS IS TOO STRONG.

LOOK
I CAN STILL KEEP GOING AWHILE, BECAUSE OF MY ORB, BUT
IF ONE CARELESSLY OVERSTAYS IN THE DEPTHS
THE TWISTING
IS AWFUL
Gulch
THERE ARE THOSE AMONG US WHO HAVE HAD THAT HAPPEN.
OOO
OOO
LET'S GO

Grab
LOOK.
THERE IS A LIGHT

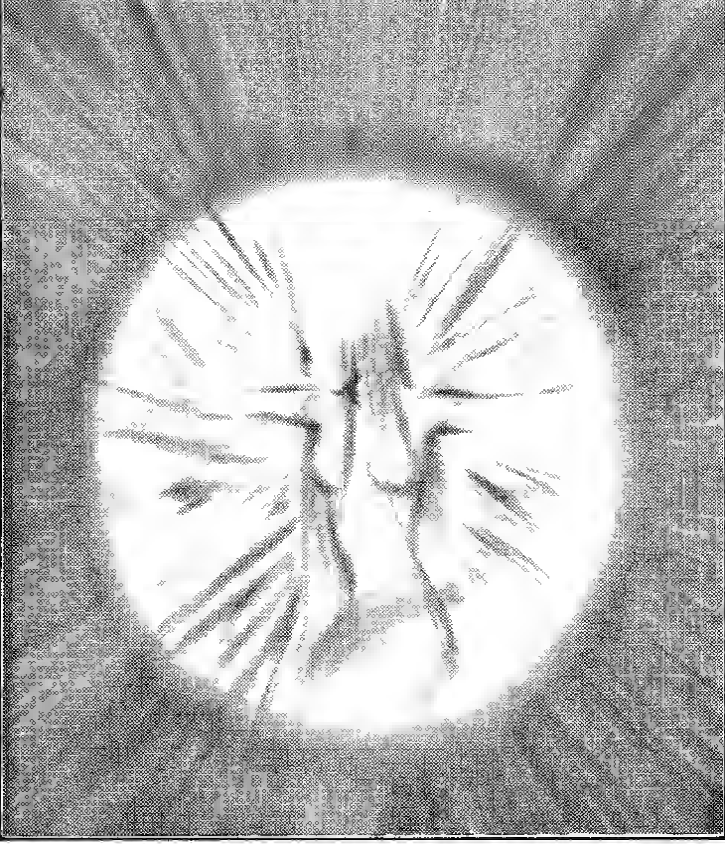
LO...
LORD ARCHANGEL!
NO. 12
YOU FINALLY MADE IT.
YOU'RE LATE, NO. 47.
CONSIDER YOUR WORK HERE COMPLETE. RETURN TO THE SURFACE.
Y...
YES, SIR!

GO AND COMPLETE YOUR MISSION.
GO.
EVEN THE KNOWLEDGE OF YOUR SIN WHICH HAS BEEN TORMENTING YOU
AND THE PAIN-FILLED QUEST ON WHICH YOU'VE EMBARKED EVERYTHING
PURIFY THE MAD GOD WITH THE ANGELIC RIFLE.
THEN EVERYTHING WILL END
YOU CAN PURIFY YOUR SIN.

MY SIN...
FWOOSH

CLICK
VRRRRR
Skuff

THUMP
THUMP
BUT...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? PURIFY IT!
NOW!



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BUT THAT'S...
THAT...
IT LOOKS LIKE...
THAT THING IS NOT A PERSON!
IT'S JUST AN INSANE HUNK OF FLESH
NO...
THE INSANE "PRESERVER GOD"...
IT HAS ONLY TAKEN ON...
THE APPEARANCE OF A WOMAN

IT WAS AN UNSIGHTLY BALL OF FLESH.
THAT IS OUR CREATOR
ORIGINALLY, THAT BEING DIDN'T HAVE THAT FORM AT ALL.
COULDN'T SPEAK
INCAPABLE OF SENTIENCE
BACK THEN, WE WERE DOUBTFUL IT EVEN HAD A "CONSCIOUSNESS" BY OUR DEFINITION.
OO
OO
...
-WITH THIS GUN...
FIRING IS SAVING YOURSELF!
IT'S "PURIFICATION".
YOU'RE NOT KILLING IT.
FIRING NOW IS PURIFYING GOD AND WORLD ALIKE

CHAPTER 8: LOSING CONSCIOUSNESS

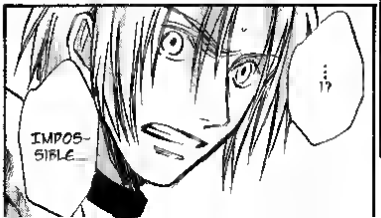
THAT GUN
DON'T FIRE
YOU SHOULD HAVE FIRED AT GOD ONCE ALREADY
HAVE YOU FORGOT-TEN IT?!
YOUR MIS-SION!

...MY
MISSION...

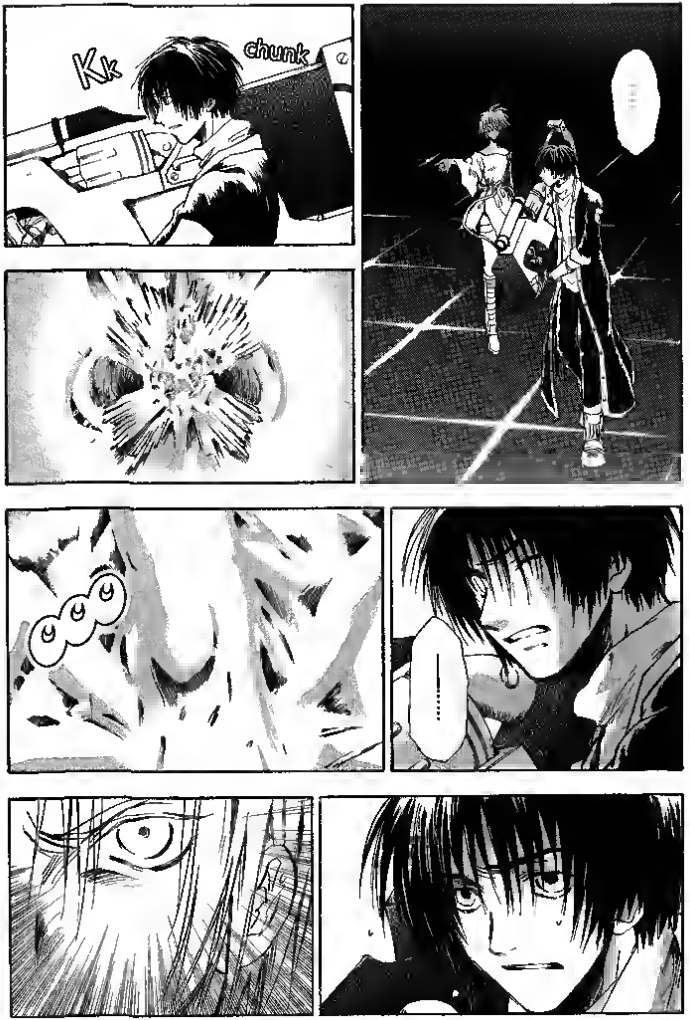
UH...
!

DO IT JUST LIKE YOU DID BEFORE

SHIT!!


IMPOS-
SIBLE...
!?

HOW DID SHE GET HERE...?!
IT'S OKAY YOU CAN SHOOT
!
IF IT'S THE ONLY WAY YOU CAN BE SAVED
I WON'T STOP YOU
NOW


Kk
chunk
.....

KKKR
R

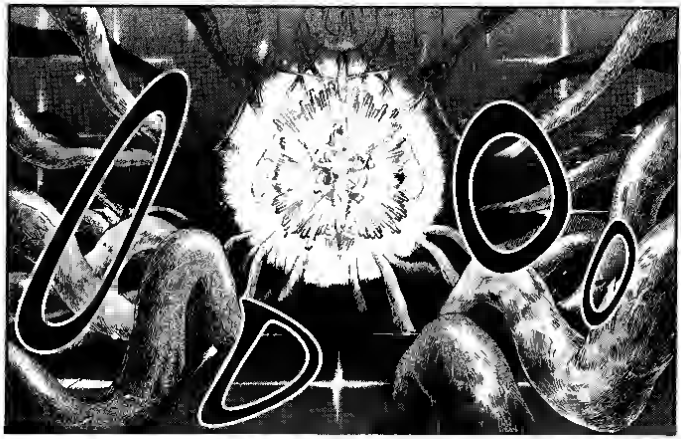
-AH
...

...A
A...

Kkk

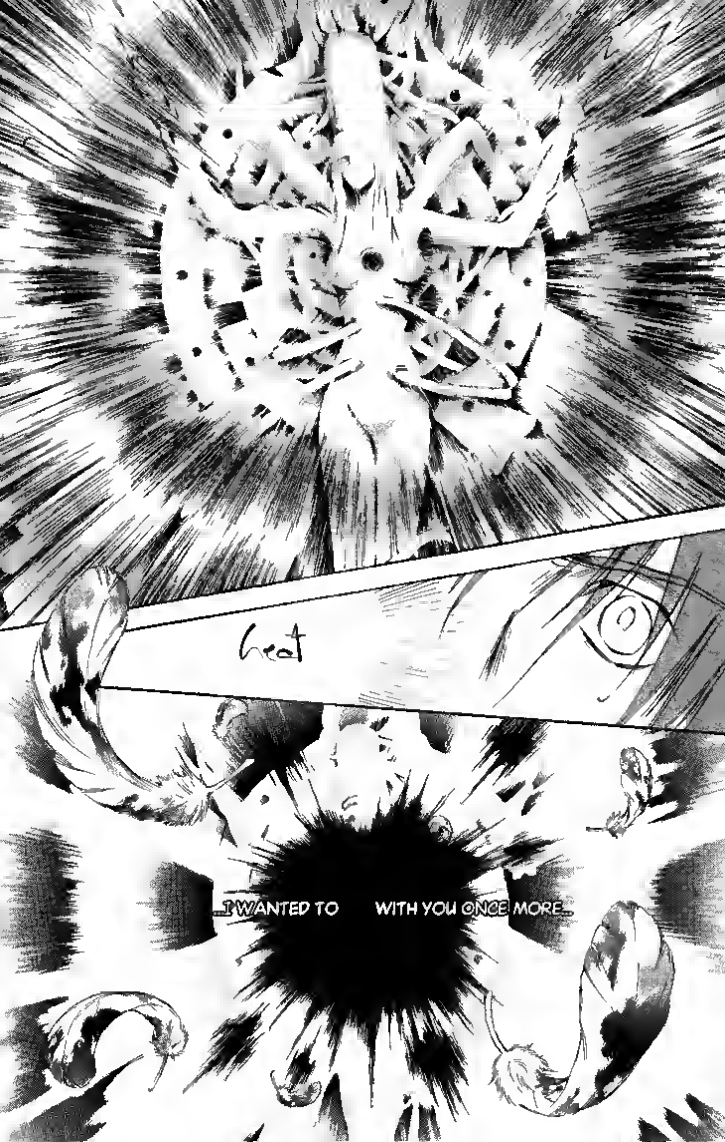
?!
WHAT'S GOING ON NOW...

IT MUST BE PAINFUL
DOES IT HURT?
I KNOW IT WELL
THAT INCREDIBLE PAIN YOU FEEL
!
THAT PAIN WAS ALSO BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE GOD


SAVE EVERY-THING.
USE THE RIFLE. SEIZE THIS CHANCE
ugh
ugh
TAP

HEAL THIS WORLD!
HEAL YOURSELF!
KK Chunk
Hmm

PSSSHOO
WOOOSH

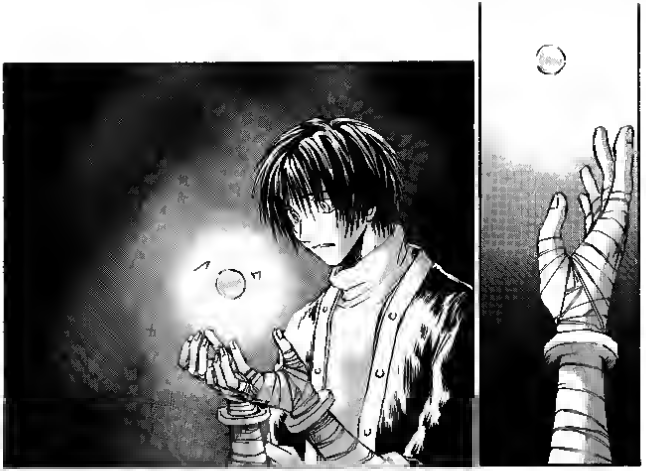

Heat
...I WANTED TO WITH YOU ONCE MORE...

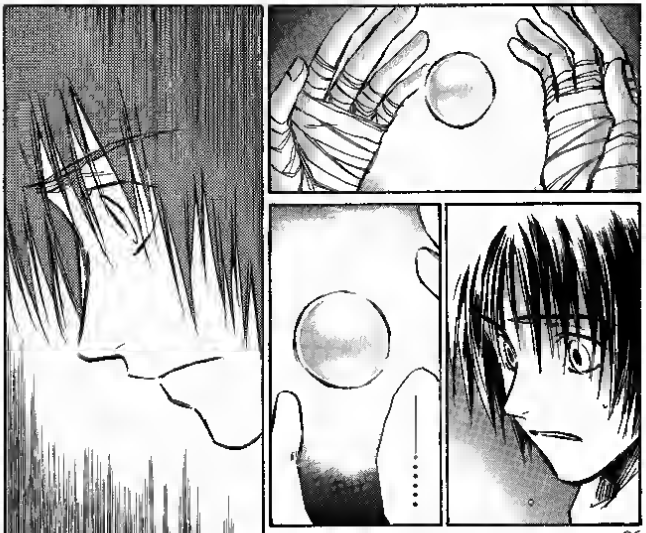
SILENCE
KKClank
……

-AH...

IT ONLY A LITTLE BIT...
REMEMBER ME PLEASE
-HMPH
FINALLY, THIS TWISTED WORLD IS VANISHING.
VANISHING...?
-TWISTED WORLD...
!?

...AN IDEA
SEPHIRAH
...THE ABSOLUTE GOD'S...?
!



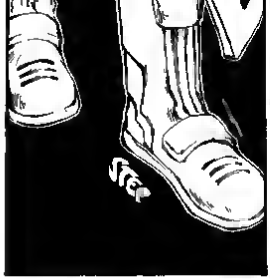


IF WE HAVE THAT...
-WE HOLD THE CRYSTALLINE ESSENCE OF THE ABSOLUTE GOD.
THE IDEA SEPHIRAH OF A GOD...
WITH IT, WE CAN REBUILD THIS TWISTED WORLD.
WE CAN RECREATE IT!
YOU UNDER-STAND?

WE WILL CREATE A NEW, FLAWLESS WORLD WITHOUT EVEN A TRACE OF DISTORTION!
IF YOU AND I WORK TOGETHER, IT'S QUITE POSSIBLE.
WITH THE GOD'S IDEA SEPHIRAH
AND THE POWER IT HOLDS. WITH MYSELF
-AND WITH YOUR "PURIFICATION" ABILITY TO REGULATE IT ALL
WE CAN BECOME THE NEW ABSOLUTE GOD!

This man...
I DID IT JUST LIKE HE SAID, BUT...
"PURIFY THE INSANE GOD!"
What is he even saying...?
It won't change anything...
IT FEELS EMPTY.

...HE'S WRONG.
WHAT'S WRONG?
ARE YOU EVEN LISTENING?!
NOW, TAKE HOLD OF THAT THING AND COME HERE!
I'M SUFFERING EVEN WORSE
THAN I WAS BEFORE...


STEP

LET US CREATE A NEW WORLD...!

... NUMBER 12?

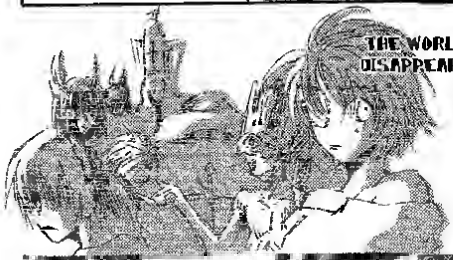
RUN

WHAT IS IT?

WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING ?!

THIS WON'T SAVE ME.

I DON'T WANT THIS TO HAPPEN AT ALL.


THE WORLD'S DISAPPEARED.

I HATE THIS...!

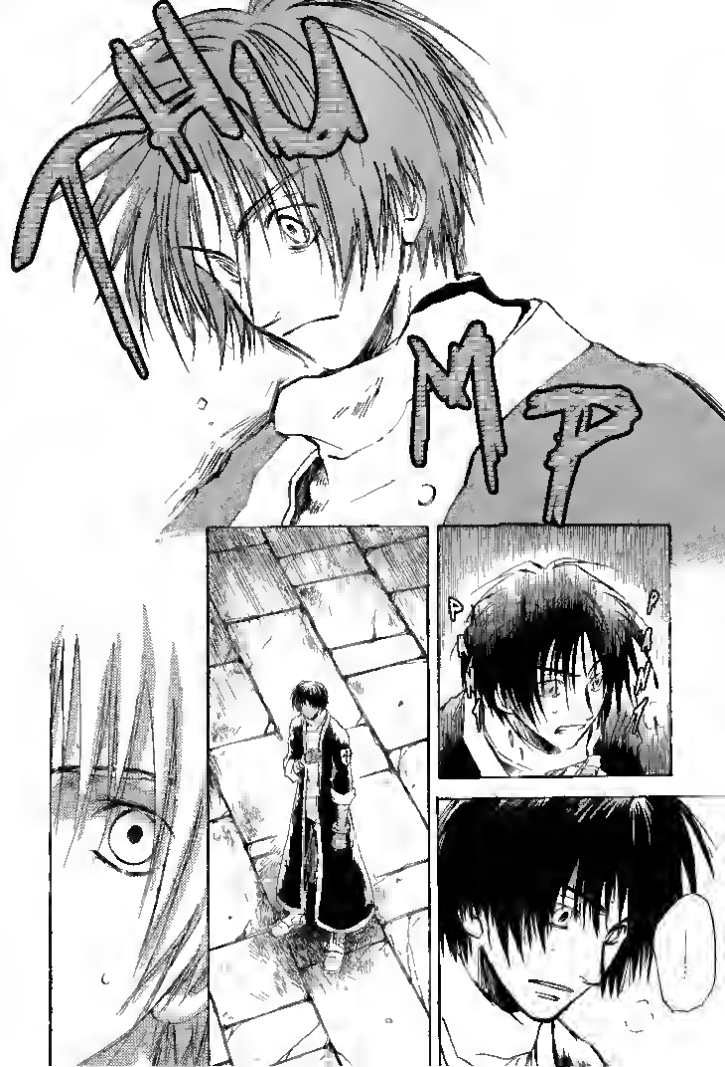
I KILLED THE GODDESS.

TURN
NUM-BER 12!

WHAT ARE YOU THINKING, NUMBER 17...?
SURELY NOT...
STOP THIS AT ONCE! YOU CAN'T SUCCEED!
-IF THIS IDEA SEPHIRAH CAN TRULY CREATE A WORLD...
IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE
A NEW WORLD ...
THERE'S NO WAY YOU CAN POSSIBLY CREATE A WORLD BY YOURSELF!
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE ...!

I don't need
a world like this one now where I know so much suffering ...
THE SAME WORLD
... STOP ...

ONCE
AGAIN...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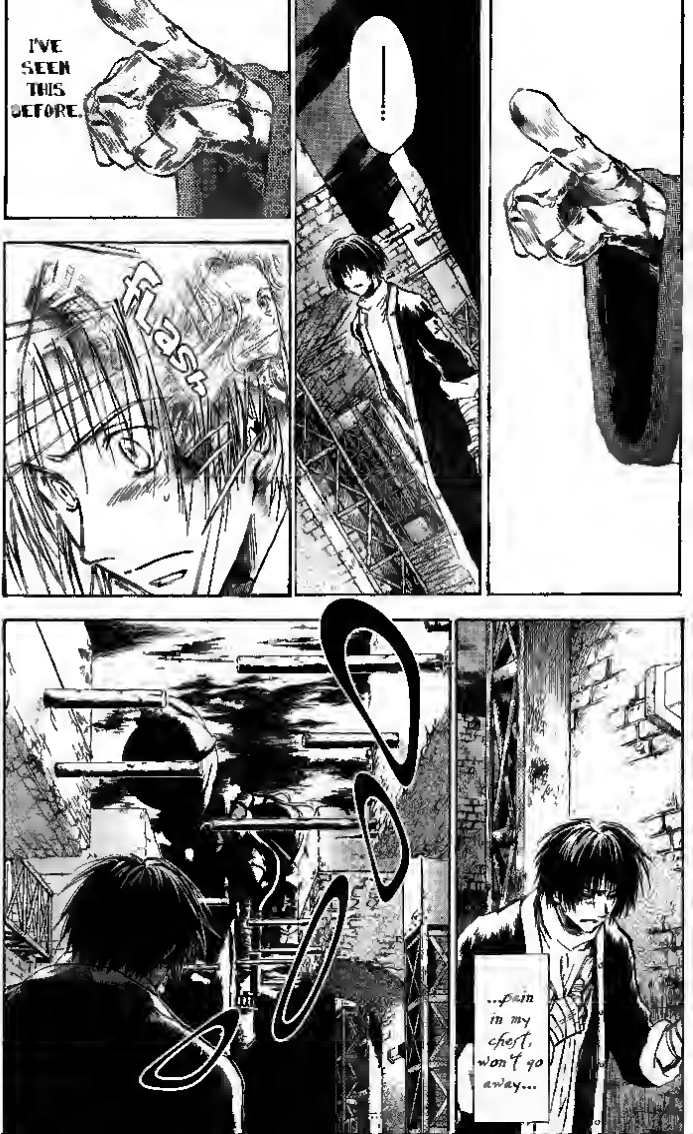
A RED
SKY...


I'VE SEEN THIS BEFORE.
!!
Flash
...pain in my chest, won't go away...

OH, YOU GONNA RUN OFF TO THE NEURO TOWER TO DIE AGAIN?
KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.
STEP
"-AGAIN.."
-COME AGAIN?!
DASH
"DID I REALLY RECREATE THE WORLD...?"
HUH?
"OR IS IT SIMPLY THAT I DIED ONCE AGAIN..."

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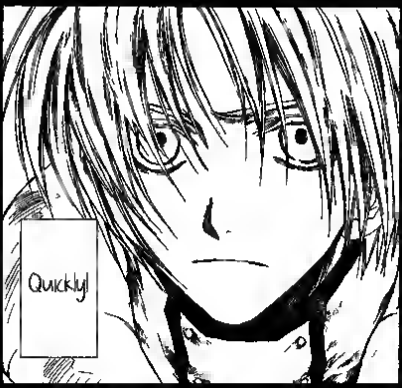
Chapter 9: A Many-Layered World

This world is twisting


Quickly!

Ever so quickly
It must be made right

-excuse me...

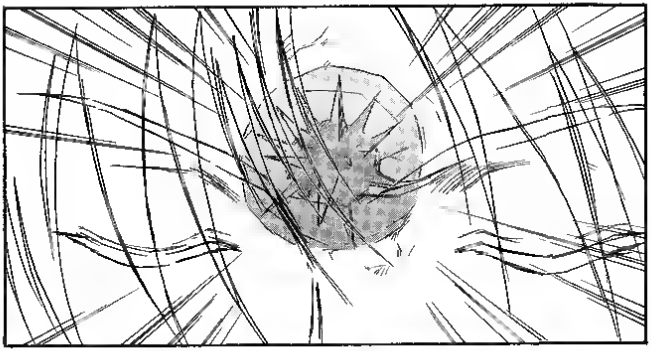
WHICH WAY IS IT TO THE LIBRARY?
I'VE COMPLETELY LOST
ARE YOU A NEW RECRUIT TO THE ORDER?
YES
I'VE ONLY JUST ARRIVED
I HAVE A LITTLE TIME BEFORE THE ENTRY CEREMONY, SO...
STUDYING WITH YOUR FIRST FEW MOMENTS OF FREE TIME?
YOU MUST BE PRETTY DEDICATED
YES.
IT'S THE REASON I JOINED THE MALKUTH ORDER
I LOVE THE IDEA OF HAVING FULLY PROVIDED EQUIPMENT AND GETTING COMPLETELY LOST IN MY FAVORITE RESEARCH
THE ENVIRONMENT THERE ARE MANY THINGS ONE CAN DO WITHOUT WORRY
PLUS THE VERY THOUGHT OF BEING ABLE TO STUDY THE WORLD'S ORIGINS
COULD A SCIENTIST HOPE FOR ANYTHING MORE?
WHEN I GOT THE INVITATION, I WAS SO HAPPY...

BEFORE YOU JOINED UP THEY MUST HAVE TOLD YOU
"GOD" CORRECTS THE TWISTING OF ALL BEINGS AS IT PRESERVES THE WORLD
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
HMM?
-WHY
WON'T THE CORRUPTION DISAPPEAR FROM THE WORLD...?
I COULD CONFIRM IT ON MY OWN
THEN WHY?
YES,
AT FIRST I WAS SORT OF SURPRISED BUT...
WHY DO YOU THINK MURDERS AND WARS HAPPEN?
DISCRIMINATION, INEQUALITY...
INSANITY, ILLNESS...
WHY WAS THAT "CORRUPTION" OR TWISTING CREATED IN THE FIRST PLACE?

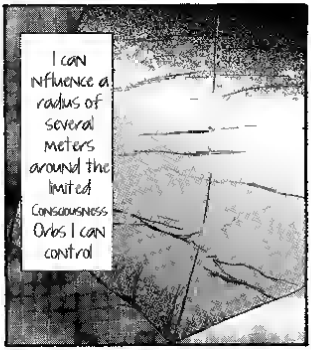
-I DON'T REALLY
UNDER-STAND YET...
MUTANTS?
ALL OF THESE THINGS MUST HAVE SOME REASON TO EXIST
WHEN I ASK OUR COMRADES WHO SEE "GOD" AS ABSOLUTE, THEY TELL ME I'M BEING A PAIN.
step up
HMPH.
step up
IT'S A JOKE.
LET'S GET GOING.
-UMM ...
ABOUT THIS DISCUS-SION...
ESPE-CIALLY THE KORIEL FACTION
...WHY ME, THEN...?

That is right
Even if they hide it I can SEE IT.
THOSE WHO SEE ME FOR THE FIRST TIME ARE USUALLY MORE SURPRISED.
...YOU'RE A LITTLE DIFFERENT FROM THE REST.
Surprise and curiosity
Perhaps even an instinctual disgust
The true forms of others, which their bodies hide
HORROR
I JUST THOUGHT ...
WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE COLOR OF MY EYES?
WHAT DID YOU THINK THESE WERE LENSES OR SOMETHING?
friendship
tears

LORD ARCHANGEL!
-...WHAT IS IT?
WE'VE IMPLANTED THE ARTIFICIAL CONSCIOUSNESS ORB.
THE SECOND BODY WILL BE AWAKENING SHORTLY.
UNDERSTOOD
Transmitting my consciousness
to the outside world's sphere



That is the only part of this world that has forgiven me


I can influence a radius of several meters around the limited Consciousness Orbs I can control

I can catch glimpses of the post-Blaze world stricken through with corruption
All the same, I have limited communication via the flow of information and the fake world within the Simulator

WE MUST SAVE THIS WORLD FROM CORRUPTION!
Quickly
Not a moment to waste
tap

I can't "See" the current you right now
I HEAR THAT SINCE THE GREAT BLAZE, THE SKY HAS BEEN A DEEP RED, BUT...
HIS FACE IS PALE.
THAT SEEMS NORMAL BUT...
CONFUSION FROM THE MEMORY OF HIS DEATH?

Friendship scans
THE SKY...
THERE'S NO WAY I CAN SEE IT FROM HERE
ANYWAY...
.....
!!

Here IN the outside world I can't do much with it
But if he enters the Neuro Tower
It should be easier to transmit to it the deeper he goes

The Consciousness Orb is right there?

HOW DOES IT FEEL TO DIE?

It might not be much, but I can probably link to some of the five senses.
.....

THOUGH IN THIS CYCLE, YOU DO "LIVE THROUGH" DEATH AND REMEMBER IT ALL.
IT CAN'T POSSIBLY BE A PLEASANT EXPERIENCE.

NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES YOU DIE, YOU'LL LIVE AGAIN, AND HERE YOU WILL STAND.
Nod
UNTIL YOU HAVE ATONED

HEAD FOR THE BOTTOM FLOOR RIGHT AWAY.
HEAL THE WORLD
HEAL YOUR SIN
RUSTLE
...?

GNASH
HOW DOES IT FEEL TO DIE?

I heard the same words before
HEAL THE WORLD. HEAL YOUR SIN.
I HEAR THAT SINCE THE GREAT BLAZE, THE SKY HAS BEEN A DEEP RED. BUT...
He just doesn't remember
Either he was deliberately saying nothing or
Step
Step
It's true
THERE'S NO WAY YOU CAN POSSIBLY CREATE A WORLD BY YOURSELF!
He did not say anything about my betrayal.
THE SAME WORLD

Friendship
Scars
Vere
WHAT'S WRONG...?
.....
PAT

THE AB-
SOLUTE
GOD YOU
WHAT?
EEEK!

W—
WHAT?
-YOU
YOU
SAY YOU
MAY HAVE
KILLED
ME?

WITH THE ARCHAIC RIFLE.
JUST LIKE THE ARCHAIC GIRL TOLD ME TO.
I THOUGHT IT WOULD ATONE FOR MY SIN, YOU SEE.
WHAT IN THE WORLD ARE YOU SAYING?
...I SHOT GOD.
THE GODDESS DIED, WHEN YOU DISAPPEARED.
THIS TWISTED WORLD FADED AWAY TOO, THE ARCHANGEL SAID.
HE WANTED TO MAKE A NEW WORLD FREE OF CORRUPTION,
BUT I...
grab
I REALIZED THAT THERE WAS NO WAY I WANTED THAT...!

I RECREATED THIS WORLD, BUT IF I DON'T UNDERSTAND THAT...
HOW CAN I TRULY ATONE FOR THIS SIN?
WHAT SHOULD I BE DOING?!
THIS TERRIBLE PAIN IN MY HEART?!
HOW CAN I ESCAPE FROM...
AH.
WOOSH
WAIT...
I
I
I DON'T KNOW THAT EITHER

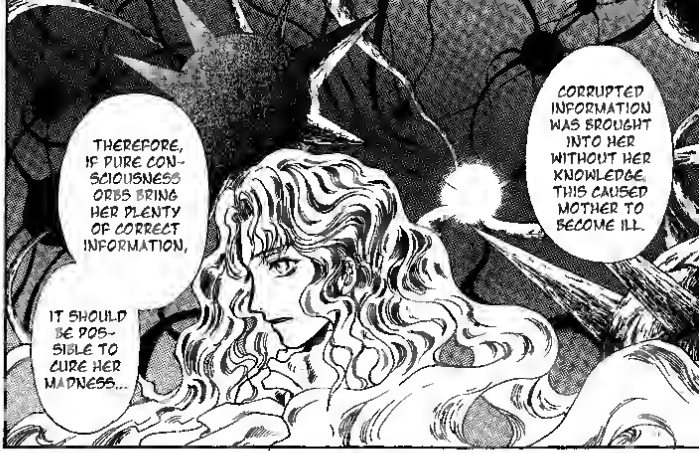
WHAT...
CAN I DO?...
SWISH
...!?

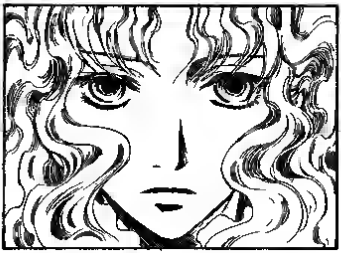
-WHO...?
Friendship
Scars

ALICE HAS FEELINGS, BUT LACKS KNOWL-EDGE.
レレレ
SINCE ONESELF HAS EXPERI-ENCED FULL KNOWLEDGE OF YOU,
SHE CAN THINK OF NOTHING ELSE
YOU ARE...
ELIZA.
DON'T COME ANY CLOSER!
I'M... A LITTLE FRIGHT-ENED OF YOU
BE-CAUSE OF YOU,
MOTHER HAS BECOME TWISTED...
-IT'S MY FAULT...

71. NOTE: LITERALLY, ELIZA USES "JIBUN" WHICH IS A SORT OF "I" THIS IS THE LEAST CLUNKY WAY I COULD THINK OF TO RENDER IT. ELIZA IS REFERRING TO SPOILER? SELF IN A DELIBERATELY VAGUE WAY

BRING ME YOUR IDEA SEPHIRAH
I WANT TO BRING MOTHER BACK FROM HER MADNESS
THERE'S — A WAY TO DO THAT?
WITH THAT, I CAN PRODUCE CONSCIOUSNESS ORBS
FRESH
AND CLEAN
PLENTY OF PURE CONSCIOUSNESS ORBS


CORRUPTED INFORMATION WAS BROUGHT INTO HER WITHOUT HER KNOWLEDGE. THIS CAUSED MOTHER TO BECOME ILL.
THEREFORE, IF PURE CONSCIOUSNESS ORBS BRING HER PLENTY OF CORRECT INFORMATION,
IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO CURE HER MADNESS...

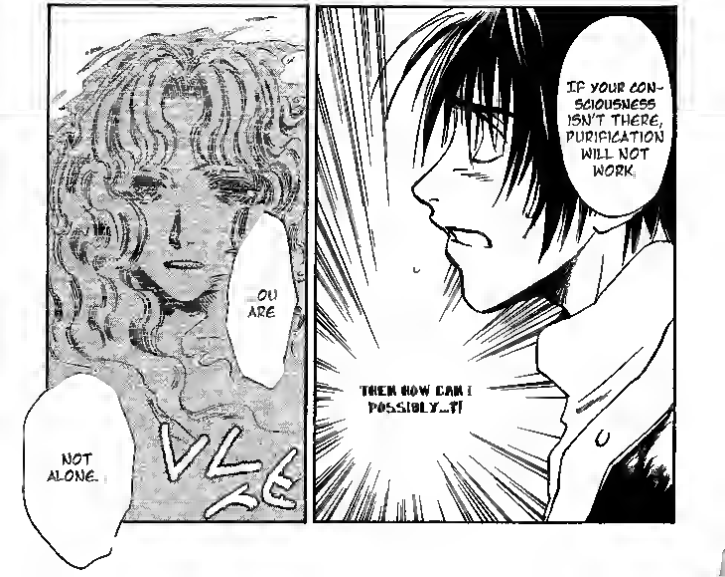


FROM CONSCIOUSNESS ORBS...?
...BY MOTHER?
SHE MEANS, PERHAPS...?

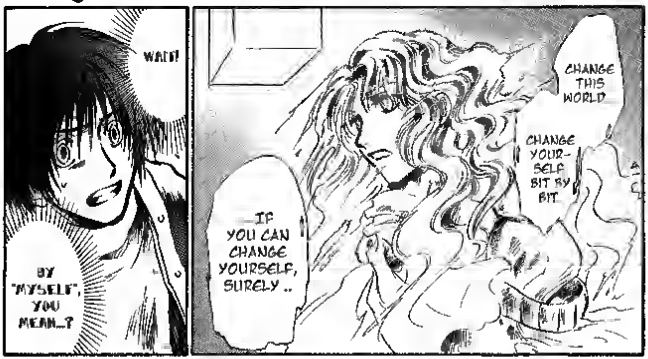
...WHAT SHOULD I DO?

IF I GIVE YOU MY IDEA SEPHIRAH,
shhhh?
GOD WILL BE HEALED AND MY SIN WILL DISAPPEAR...?
4

IF I CAN PURIFY MYSELF...!
I SEE.
IF DYING COULD FREE ME FROM THIS PAIN, THAT WOULD BE ALL RIGHT
THAT WON'T WORK...
NO.
BUT IF I CAN'T DIE UNTIL I ATONE FOR MY SIN...


IF YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS ISN'T THERE, PURIFICATION WILL NOT WORK.
YOU ARE
NOT ALONE.
THEN HOW CAN I POSSIBLY...?!

THAT PERSON WILL BEGIN TO HEAR ME....
-IT'S NOT WORKING.
HERE, MY FORM IS WEAK. I CAN'T MAINTAIN THE BARRIER FOR LONG.
.....!?
PLEASE WAIT!
WHEN YOU SAY I'M NOT ALONE...
.....THIS WORLD...
friends
SCRS
...HAS MANY LAYERS THAT CHANGE THEIR FORM, LITTLE BY LITTLE, FLOWING LIKE WATER.
WE DO NOT HAVE MEMORIES OF THEM, BUT...
YOU DO NOT PLAN TO KILL MOTHER THIS TIME, RIGHT...?
THEN, I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT SPEAK WITH HER...
THAT MUCH, AT LEAST, WE CAN SENSE.


WAIT!
BY "MYSELF", YOU MEAN...?
IF YOU CAN CHANGE YOURSELF, SURELY..
CHANGE THIS WORLD
CHANGE YOURSELF BIT BY BIT

...TO THE BOTTOM FLOOR...
TO THE
ABSOLUTE GOD

...YOU'RE LATE, NO. 12.
INSIDE THIS DOOR, YOU CAN PURGE YOUR...
NO. 12?
TO THE BOTTOM FLOOR...
NO. 12...

-THAT'S IT, NO IZ
POINT THE ANGELIC RIFLE AT THE GOD...
step
step
When I had the goats like a Seraph in my hands.

What was there was only
There was no relief or healing from it
DON'T GET TOO CLOSE TO IT
QUICKLY, THE RIFLE!
WHAT'S WRONG?
USE THE ANGELIC RIFLE...!
Only a strange feeling of nostalgia and

A profound sense of loss
Friendship scars
Don't come here!
NO !!
ANY FURTHER AND...
Don't come here!
!!

ハァ
……

Don't come any closer!
R
R
R

"Pain".
The force I need to be able to control myself.
I have lost the ability to know suffering ...
"PAIN"...
Scars

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"PAIN" IS SOMETHING
I DON'T UNDERSTAND ALL THAT WELL.
THERE ARE A LOT OF OTHER THINGS WE SEEM TO BE MISSING, TOO.
DON'T APPROACH IT, NO. 12!
FIRE THE ANGELIC RIFLE!
WHY?!
THE MEMORY MODIFICATION SHOULD HAVE WORKED!
NOW!

There's no way he should be able to remember his past
THE MISSION WE IMPLANTED
THE MANUFACTURED SENSE OF GUILT
WHY ARE YOU BETRAYING ME..?!
STEP
all of my pain
Aha
...COME BACK, NO. 12.
If I transmit this to his artificial consciousness orb
YOU'LL BE ENVELOPED BY ABSOLUTE GOD'S TWISTING!

KKKK
-GH
...
WHY
?
HOW CAN YOU KEEP GOING ...?!
DON'T COME ANY CLOSER!

I WANT TO KNOW
HOW I CAN ATONE.
LISTEN TO ME!
NO FUR-THER..
PLEASE!
I WANT TO MAKE THINGS RIGHT
IF IT'S MY FAULT THAT YOU WENT INSANE,
HOW CAN I GO ABOUT HEALING THAT MADNESS?
WHAT SHOULD I BE DOING ...?!

I DON'T WANT TO FEEL THIS BLAME WITHOUT KNOWING WHY... ESCAPE FROM THIS PAIN.
STEP
I WANT TO FINALLY ESCAPE FROM THIS PAIN.
AH!
...STOP THERE!
-WITHOUT KNOWING ANYTHING
WHY I...
I WANT TO KNOW
WHAT I'VE DONE,
AND WHAT THIS SIN I FEEL MEANS.

I REMEMBER YOU FROM SOMEWHERE...
I FEEL LIKE...
COME HERE...
COULD YOU TELL ME...
!?

COME HERE!
I WANT TO BECOME ONE WITH YOU!
QUICKLY!
.....
RESIST THE TEMPTATION!
OR HER WILL SHALL OVERCOME YOU!

YOU TOO SHALL BE DRIVEN MAD AND TWISTED
JUST AS THIS WORLD ITSELF HAS BEEN!
THAT WILL BE THE END OF IT...!
GRIP
THE ANGELIC RIFLE!!
NO. 12!
THEN
WILL I UNDER-STAND ...?

IF THE ABSOLUTE GOD WISHES
I WILL...
IF IT WILL PURIFY MY SIN.
N... NO!
DON'T COME HERE!
WHY ...
NO!
DON'T COME ANY CLOSER
GH
WHHHHHS
I CAN'T CONTROL MYSELF!

I'M GOING TO KILL YOU ...
KRRSHK

!
...NO
...

THIS .....
ISN'T RIGHT ...
I DON'T WANT YOU TO DIE BY MY HAND ...
ZZZZZt
I WANT TO BECOME ONE WITH YOU.

NO. 12...
Flash
!!
IT'S NO USE.
THEY'RE FUSING.
IT'S ALREADY BEGUN ...!

I'VE BROKEN YOU...
I DON'T WANT IT TO BE LIKE THIS.
BEING UNABLE TO CONTROL MYSELF...
ZZrrt
FIND THE "PAIN" I HAVE FORGOTTEN AND BRING IT HERE ...!
(PLEASE!
RE-STORE MY LOST "PAIN"!
THE "SIGNAL" THAT ALLOWS ME TO CONTROL MYSELF!

...AM I DYING?
CAN I DIE...?
I DON'T KNOW.
I'M DIS-SOLVING.
...RE-COMING ONE...
...?
WHAT IS THIS?
SOMETHING FROM THE ABSOLUTE GOD?

UP THERE ...
THAT PERSON IS...?
.....

……

ONE OF US WILL DIE!
...I
I WILL BE KILLED
THEN
I DON'T WANT TO DIE...

BROTHER...!
THAT'S IT...
MY OLDER BROTHER...
I KILLED MY BROTHER
TO PRESERVE MY OWN LIFE.

IF MY BROTHER WERE STILL ALIVE, THIS...
I SHOULD HAVE BEEN THE ONE TO DIE.
I was the one to break the world
SINCE I NOW SHARE IN THE ABSOLUTE GOD'S POWER,
I CAN DO IT OVER...
LIVE, BROTHER

I'LL REMAKE EVERYTHING FOR YOU ...!

WHAT'S THAT?
ARE YOU... CRYING?

HEAD FOR THE NEURO TOWER
RETURNING TO THE RESEARCH CENTER WON'T MAKE ANY OF YOUR PROBLEMS GO AWAY
ON THE CONTRARY
.....
.....
IT HURTS
DEATH
SHUFFLE
I KILLED YOU TO PRESERVE MY OWN LIFE
I WAS THE ONE WHO BROKE THE WORLD
HOW CAN THIS SIN POSSIBLY BE REDEEMED?

I...
HE HAS NO DESIRE FOR IT TO HAPPEN.
DON'T LET THE ARCHAN-GEL KNOW.
I WANT TO FUSE WITH THE ABSO-LUTE GOD.

WHY DO I BELIEVE THAT?
IF I DO THAT, SURELY THIS PAIN WILL GO AWAY
HOW-EVER
THAT PART I DON'T UNDER-STAND

IT'S AS IF IT'S RUNNING AWAY...?

...THE DEPTH AT WHICH THE GOD RESIDES HAS CHANGED.
IT'S NOW 24 FLOORS DOWN ...
WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?!
... SURELY NOT...

Beep!
HE HAS ARRIVED IN THE NEURO TOWER FOR THE SECOND TIME.
HUH?

NOT HIM...
SURE, YOU SEEM DIFFERENT FROM LAST TIME,
BUT YOU'RE STILL YOU.
NO,
I'M NOT HIM AT ALL.
.....
YOU LOOK THE SAME TO ME ...
.....
... YOU...

HMPH!
HEY!
WAIT UP!... HEY!
SPEED
DOWN
To the bottom floor
Quickly
GO

...OH
OOOH
...
SHIFT
IF THAT EXECUTION SQUAD GUY WOULD SHOW UP, THIS'D BE EASIER
KORIEL NO. 1
No. 12...
It's 12, isn't it...
It's me...

If the Archangel hadn't discovered us,
I could have watched it with my own eyes...
... Can you hear me?
The DABAR FUSION ...did it fail?
Or...
Can you tell me the will of God?
It couldn't be.
Are you...
...Why won't you answer me?
No. 13...
NO 13,
then...?

-15 Years Prior
Neuro Tower
Beep
Beep
THE SLEEPING OLDER BROTHER WILL BE...
YES
THE YOUNGER ONE ON THE RIGHT WILL BE NUMBER 12
ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS, KORIEL 12
YOU'RE ADDING THEM TO THE KORIEL'S RANKS?

CHAPTER 11
GREAT BLAZE SIDE B (1)

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HE MAY BE JUST A CHILD BUT HE SHOWS SUPERB TALENT.
HE'S EXTREMELY CLOSE TO THE WAVELENGTH OF AN ABSOLUTE GOD
INDUCTION INTO OUR ORDER IS ONLY A MATTER OF AGE, AND HE IS NEARLY OLD ENOUGH
WHEN YOU ARE THE NEXT ARCH-ANGEL, AND COMMAND OUR ENTIRE ORDER,
HE WOULD BE IDEAL AS YOUR RIGHT HAND
I'M SURE YOU WILL BECOME GOOD FRIENDS
...
HMPH
AND THE OLDER BROTHER? HIS NUMBER WAS PROVISIONAL, BUT IS IT OFFICIAL WHEN HE WAKES?
NO
THEY TAKE TURNS WAKING UP.
WE'RE USING LIFE SUPPORT MACHIN-ERY.
BUT ONLY THE YOUNGER ONE ACTUALLY HAS A HEART. IT'S LIKELY THAT IT CAN'T SUPPORT BOTH OF THEM MOVING AT THE SAME TIME
HOW-EVER.
EVEN IF HE WOKE UP PERHAPS
THE OLDER BROTHER WOULD NOT UNDER-STAND THE SITUATION...

IT'S NOT LIKE THERE'S A PROBLEM WITH IT...
DON'T SAY SUCH THINGS
THAT WOULD BE A CASE OF "CAIN KILLING ABEL," THEN?
CAN THESE TWO STAY LIKE THIS FOREVER?
NO
MOST LIKELY, SOME YEARS FROM NOW
IZ
HE'S HERE!
THE WAY YOU TALK ABOUT IT, IT'S LIKE THE OLDER ONE'S PRACTICALLY NOT THERE
BIG BROTHER'S DEFINITELY HERE!
HE'S RIGHT HERE...!

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HAS GOD BESTOWED ANY KNOWLEDGE UPON YOU?
I FEEL ECHOES, AS IF GOD IS SINGING A SONG...
...BEING HERE BRINGS ME PEACE OF MIND.
...A SONG?
YES.
THIS CHILD CAN FEEL THAT MUCH WITH HIS ABILITY?
ANYWAY, 12, DON'T STRAIN YOURSELF.
IT'S NUMBER 13.
I'M NUMBER 13.
LORD KORIEL!

STOP
I DON'T CARE IF I DIE!
WE HAVE TO SEPARATE THEM IMMEDIATELY OR ELSE...!
NO!
THIS CAN'T LAST ANY LONGER
AT THIS RATE BOTH OF THEM WILL DIE!
PANT
PANT
PANT
DON'T TEAR MY BROTHER AND I APART!
THE SEPARATION SURGERY TOOK PLACE AFTER THAT
THE "NUMBER 13" INSIDE OF YOU MUST HAVE DIED, BUT...

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ARCHANGEL WILL NOT SAVE ME
I KNOW.
-HOW FOOLISH ...
...
HELP US!
SAVE US
IT HURTS!
BECOMING ONE WITH THE ABSOLUTE GOD
WILL BEGIN THE HEALING PROCESS
FLAP
BUT...

FIND THE "PAIN" I HAVE FORGOTTEN AND BRING IT HERE...!
RESTORE MY LOST "PAIN!"
THE "SIGNAL" THAT ALLOWS ME TO CONTROL MYSELF!

step
-HEY.
YOU... YOU THERE.
"RETURN GOD'S LOST PAIN"
HOW COULD I...

THE EXECUTION SQUAD MEMBER!
HIS TWISTING IS THAT MUCH MORE AWFUL NOW...?
HAVE YOU SEEN DOCTOR ANGELICUS?
I'VE BEEN SEARCHING FOR HER ALL THIS TIME
...
...WHY WAS I LOOKING FOR HER AGAIN?
I SEEM TO HAVE FORGOTTEN...
I'M LOOKING FOR HER, ANYWAY!
COULD WE LOOK FOR HER TOGETHER..? HOW ABOUT IT?
IT'S VERY IMPORTANT...
IF YOU'RE UP FOR IT, AND WE RUN INTO ANY GROTESQUES, I'LL HANDLE 'EM.
...

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THE "PAIN" OF THE WORLD...?
...
GRAB
GRAB
GRAB
The Angelic Rifle!
"The Pain of the World" and...
The form of my sin...?
I have it!
The Angelic Rifle!
I have the... An-gelic...
CLANK
Ohhh...
Ohhh-hhh...!

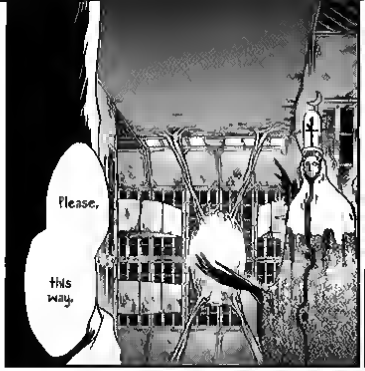
I already knew this
...but at the time,
I could think of nothing else I could do.

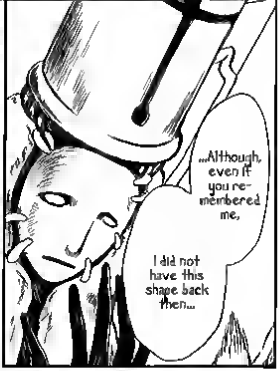
I may finally have this in my hands now
but it cannot expunge my sins.

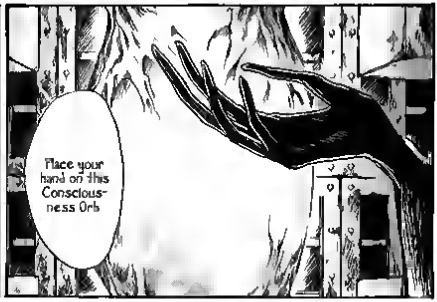
I am Doctor Angelicus.
Up until the Great Blaze, I was responsible for the Malkuth Order's research division As well as...
Lord Archangel's personal secretary, of sorts.

CLANK

Lord Kornel number 12..







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Shine
...
ALL OF THESE HALLWAYS LOOK THE SAME...
I'M SO LOST...
WHERE COULD THE LIBRARY BE?
-SINCE
I'VE BEEN WALKING FROM PLACES FOR SO LONG...
HE DOES HAVE THE "FAKE WINGS", THAT MUCH I RECOGNIZE.
THERE'S SOMEONE...
FAIRLY YOUNG...A CHILD? MAYBE?

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BACK THEN HE WASN'T YET
I'M LOOKING FOR THE LIBRARY...
EXCUSE ME...
ON HIM THEY LOOK REAL
I'LL TRY ASKING HIM.
Aussh he looks important!
No helping it I'll give her a hand
DO YOU HAVE ANY SENSE OF DIRECTION?
HUH?
NO
AT THE RANK OF "ARCH-ANGEL"
...
I'VE LOST MY WAY...
HAIR BLOND TO THE POINT OF NEARLY WHITE
RED EYES
THAT WAS WHO HE WAS

SOME HOW
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
WHY DO YOU THINK MURDERS AND WARS HAPPEN?
DISCRIMI-NATION, INEQUALITY ...
WHY WAS THAT "CORRUPTION" OR TWISTING CREATED IN THE FIRST PLACE?
INSANITY, ILLNESS...
THE WORLD AND ALL THE PEOPLE AROUND HIM
HE DOESN'T LIKE THEM VERY MUCH DOES HE?
AHH
THIS PERSON
YOU'RE A LITTLE DIFFERENT FROM THE REST

I JUST THOUGHT
WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE COLOR OF MY EYES?
...?
IT'S A PRETTY COLOR, THAT'S ALL.
...!
...THE LIBRARY'S AROUND THAT CORNER.
T...
THANK YOU!
turns
HE TRIED TO HIDE IT PRETTY QUICKLY THOUGH!

THE EXPRESSION HE SHOWED ME FOR JUST AN INSTANT
FOR SOME REASON I COULDN'T FORGET IT
BE QUIET!
THE ABNORMALITIES ARE CLEAR FROM THE DATA
NORMAL CORRECTIONS OF THE TWISTING ARE NOT OCCURRING
ON THE CONTRARY
S-X MURMUR
WE HAVE CONFIRMED THAT THERE IS NEW CORRUPTION SPREADING FROM GOD ITSELF!
"THIS WORLD AND THE PEOPLE IN IT REQUIRE SOME AMOUNT OF CORRUPTION."
-I CONFESS THAT I MYSELF DO NOT FEEL THE SAME WAY
THAT'S THE POSITION OF THE KORIEL GENTLEMEN HERE

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I...
ISN'T IT POSSIBLE THAT THAT COULD BE FROM THE INFLUENCE OF OUR MAN-MADE CONSCIOUSNESS ORBS?
OUR ARTIFICIAL TRANSMISSION OF NEGOMATION TO GOD MIGHT, PERHAPS...
DO YOU STILL HOLD THAT POSITION
TO BE TRUE, EVEN AFTER HEARING THAT?
SILENCE...
WHY WOULD YOU THINK THAT?
IT SPED UP THE CORRECTION OF THE TWISTING BY AN INCREDIBLE AMOUNT
SURELY YOU SAW THE OUTCOME OF THOSE EXPERIMENTS YOURSELF
EVERYONE RECOGNIZED THAT SUCCESS, SURELY.
IN ANY CASE...
I WASN'T THE FIRST ONE WHO STARTED TRANSMITTING CODE TO GOD
FOR EXAMPLE, TAKE NO 12 OVER THERE, WHEN HE EXPERIENCED A "SURGE."
GOD SWIFTLY REACHED A PERFECT EQUILIBRIUM, ACCORDING TO ALL OUR READINGS.
ISN'T THAT RIGHT?

IN THAT CASE, WHY WOULD SUCH HORRIBLE THINGS SUDDENLY ARISE?
GOD DIDN'T REJECT IT THEN
THAT WAS HOW THE MALKUTH ORDER CAME TO SUPPORT AND PROTECT GOD
AS IT HAS FOR MANY YEARS
EVEN NOW, THE WARPING INFLUENCE REACHES OUT FROM INSIDE THIS NERVE TOWER TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD HAS BEGUN TO SPREAD
THE SUDDEN INCREASE IN THE BIZARRE "BAROQUE MURDERS" IS NO DOUBT DUE TO THIS EXPANDING EFFECT!
WHAT CAN YOU CONCLUDE FROM THIS?
WHAT ABOUT THE TRANSFORMATION OF THIS VERY TOWER?
MEMBERS OF OUR ORDER ARE BEING WARPED IN MIND AS WELL AS BODY
AND WE HAVE SEEN THE APPEARANCE OF GROTESQUES ...
DOESN'T IT SEEM OBVIOUS?

GOD IS CLEARLY TRYING TO ANNIHILATE HUMANITY
I...
WE MUST "REPAIR" GOD.
T...
THAT CAN'T BE. !
HOW ELSE COULD YOU EXPLAIN THIS?

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B... BUT HOW...?
AT BEST, WE COULD RETURN THINGS BACK TO THE WAY THEY WERE.
IN THE WORST CASE, WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO FEND OFF ANY NEW WARPING EFFECTS.
WE'LL BE RESEARCHING IT.

WITH ALL DUE RESPECT,
WHY IS IT THAT YOU HATE GOD SO MUCH?
NO, IZ
...WHAT IS IT?
THAT EXPRESSION...

I ONLY FOLLOW THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MALKUTH ORDER!
DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND?
EVEN IF YOU DISAGREE, SURELY YOU COULD STILL CARRY OUT THESE ORDERS?
MY TRUE INTENTION IS TO SUPPORT GOD AND DISCOVER WHAT IS HAPPENING.
...
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
I APOLOGIZE FOR MY RUDENESS, SIR
LORD ARCHANGEL!
step
step
IS THE PATH THAT WE HAVE CHOSEN TRULY CORRECT?
I JUST—

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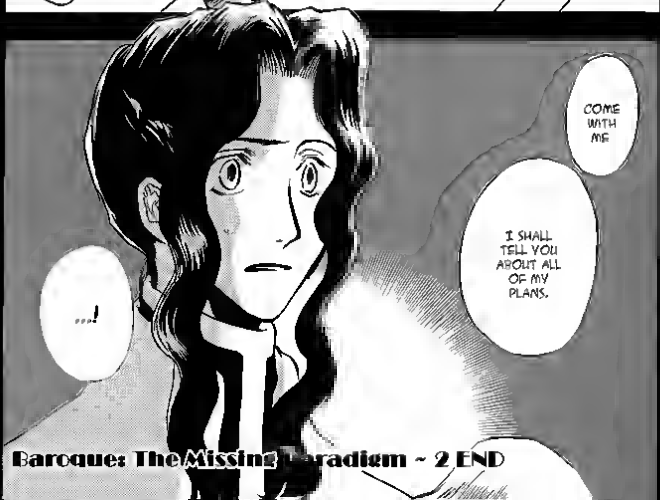

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Thank you very much for reading
I would like to present an afterword on the reverse binding but I'll be quick
The truth is I wrote this part last
By the way where do you suppose the nerve tower really is?
It isn't ever really specified but for some reason I think it might be in
Eastern Europe? I can't really explain why but a foreign nation in Europe was what I was thinking myself (when playing the game)
With names like Eliza and Alice these might not be from there though?
Or maybe the people of another nation would naturally wear wings even in the case of playing (like a fancy-dress party)

No matter where it is it's fun to think about
As for as this manga goes hmm
It's kind of vague about the feeling of where it takes place,
but that is sort of expected of Baroque, isn't it?
Please interpret it as you like
Well then enjoy making your way to the back cover~

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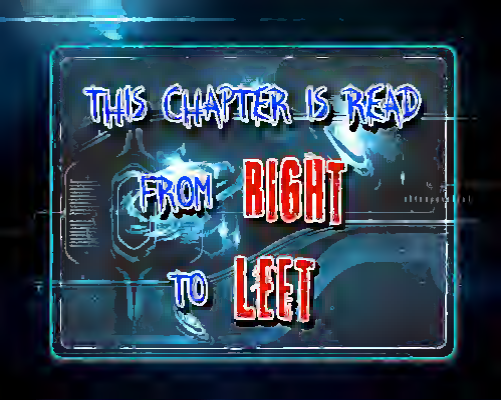
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